

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the abstract at page 44 with the following amended abstract:

The disclosure relates ~~Relating~~ to (i) a gene isolated from *Cellulomonas sp.* JCM2471,
the gene encoding a new glycerol kinase and (ii) a method for preparing the glycerol kinase
~~enzyme~~ by gene recombination technique. A Glycerol kinase which has high resistance against
preservative, a recombinant vector comprising a gene encoding the glycerol kinase, a
transformant prepared by transforming a host cell with the recombinant vector, and a method for
producing the glycerol kinase, including culturing the transformant to produce glycerol kinase,
and collecting the resulting glycerol kinase.